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In the news

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Logan Airport officially recorded 7 inches of snow as of 1 p.m. yesterday, according to the National Weather Service. The overnight storm was just the latest in a very snowy winter for Boston. But keep in mind that spring begins today. METRO

Today's local tweet

"some MBTA bus drivers are amazing. This guy just intentionally rammed a snow bank (clearing it in the process) to ease passngr access."

WE'RE ASSUMING @JAWSY_P MEANS "AMAZING" IN A GOOD WAY, BUT WHO KNOWS

In the news

Woman's body found in rail yard

BOSTON. The body of a 29-year-old woman was found on train tracks in an Allston/Brighton rail yard Monday night, and authorities are trying to determine how she died. State police and investigators from the Suffolk district attorney's office classified the incident as a death investigation.

Authorities were called to the Beacon Park Rail Yard just before midnight Monday. There they found the body of the woman on the tracks beneath Interstate 90. Authorities did not release the name of the woman, but said she was from New Hampshire. It was unclear how she died. "The cause, manner and circumstances of the woman's death were not immediately apparent and remain the subject of an active investigation," the Suffolk district attorney's office said in a statement. No charges are being sought at this time. METRO

Leone is latest to join law firm

BOSTON. Middlesex District Attorney Gerard Leone will end a 20-year career as a state and federal prosecutor next month when he steps down to join the Boston office of Nixon Peabody, giving the law firm its latest high-profile hire a week after former Sen. Scott Brown joined the firm. Leone said he will join Nixon Peabody on April 29 as a partner in the firm's government investigations and white-collar defense practice. SHNS

▶ It appears that students at MIT — and the public — will have to wait until later this spring to find out MIT's investigation into Swartz.

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

MIT officials say Swartz documents with redacts to be released, but later

The president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology said the school will release documents associated with the investigation of Reddit co-founder Aaron Swartz "in the spirit of openness, balanced with responsibility," but will redact certain information.

On Friday, lawyers for his estate filed a federal court motion in Boston seeking to have documents in the case made public, including information about vulnerabilities in the MIT network. Currently, the documents are under a protective order. The U.S House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which is investigating the Swartz matter, asked for the information last month.

"Both Congress and the public at large have an important role to play in determining what conduct is considered criminal, particularly in the relatively new and rapidly evolving context of so-called 'computer crimes,'" attorneys Elliot R. Peters, Daniel Purcell and Michael J. Pineault wrote in the motion. They asked that the documents be released in their entirety, including the names of MIT personnel.

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From Web stardom to suicide

Swartz was arrested in 2011 for allegedly using the MIT computer system to download millions of articles from JSTOR, an archive of academic journals. If convicted, Swartz faced 35 years in prison and a $1 million fine. The trial was set to begin in April.

Swartz committed suicide in January, prompting questions about how the case was handled. His family blamed MIT and U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz for Swartz's death, although Ortiz defended the investigation.

"The public has a vital interest in learning the details of the investigation into Mr. Swartz's conduct so as to assess the prosecutorial conduct in the case and the propriety of the charges brought against Mr. Swartz."

SWARTZ'S LAWYERS

Document release

In a letter to the MIT community yesterday, President L. Rafael Reif said the university will make the documents available, with some exceptions.

"Therefore — in the spirit of openness, balanced with responsibility — we will release the requested MIT documents, redacting employee names and identifying information as appropriate to protect their privacy, as well as redacting information about network vulnerabilities," Reif wrote.

Reif said the documents would be made public at the same time that Professor Hal Abelson delivers a final report on the university's involvement in the Swartz case. Abelson, an electrical engineering and computer science professor who also serves as the director of Creative Commons and the Free Software Foundation, launched a probe at Reif's request after Swartz's death. His conclusions are expected this spring, according to the MIT student newspaper, the Tech.

Reif said MIT and people associated with it have been subjected to "a pattern of harassment and personal threats" since Swartz's death.

"In this volatile atmosphere, I have the responsibility to protect the privacy and safety of those members of our community who have become involved in this matter in the course of doing their jobs for MIT, and to ensure a safe environment for all of us who call MIT home," Reif said.

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In the news

▶ You might meet your match while waiting for a flight, and apparently Logan is the place to do it.

Logan a top airport for romantic connections

MeetAtTheAirport.com, a dating website that focuses on finding love while in transit, recently ranked Boston's Logan International Airport as one of the top four airports in the nation for making a romantic connection. According to a recent report by the Boston Globe, Logan made the cut not because of the airport's atmosphere, but because of Boston's notoriously lousy weather, which makes for many delays.

About 29 million passengers travel through the airport each year. The dating website connects fliers with other travelers who are looking for that added sense of excitement that you only get when meeting someone new.

"Share a drink with an attractive stranger in the totally safe environment of a public airport. Perhaps, share a brunch or romantic dinner while waiting for your flight and explore the enticing possibilities that are presented to you," according to the website.

Airport size, the number and quality of bars and eateries, Yelp reviews, flight delays and survey results from the dating site's 70,000 members contributed to the ranking. **GLOBE**

▶ Should you stop reading and start searching for a spouse?

29M
Passengers travel through Logan Airport each year

70K
People contributed to the survey at MeetAtTheAirport.com

'I've been a bad, bad bunny:' Easter Bunny apologizes to nation

A junk food-peddling Easter Bunny is apparently sorry for the millions of sweet yet unhealthy treats he's shelled out to children over the years, so he's putting his cotton tail between his legs and setting off on a national apology tour.

Boston-based "unjunked food" company Unreal, which produces candy made from "real ingredients," is sponsoring the 2013 Easter Bunny Apology Tour and encourages people to ditch the corn syrup, chemicals and preservatives in favor of healthier treats.

The Sorry Bunny campaign has garnered celebrity support from New England Patriots Quarterback Tom Brady, as well as Jillian Michaels and John Legend, all of whom are featured in videos on SorryBunny.com.

Unreal's 16-year-old founder, Nicky Bronner, said he thinks people will be on board with nutritious candy this Easter.

"I personally believe that taste comes first and health second. I think our candy tastes better than traditional candy," said Bronner, who founded Unreal at the age of 13 after researching the ingredients of his Halloween candy.

"SorryBunny.com" is written from the perspective of the remorseful rabbit, who said he plans to hop around the nation and dole out Unreal candy.

An apology letter "written by the Easter Bunny" says: "For years, I have been hopping around giving out candy, and I never read the labels. Well, recently I did, and it made my fur stand straight up. I have been a bad, bad bunny."

From the rabbit hole:

I am so very sorry.

For years, I have been hopping around giving out candy, and I never read the labels.

Well, recently I did, and it made my fur stand straight up.

I have been a bad, bad bunny.

Luckily, I found this little company, UNREAL®, that makes candy from all real stuff. It's the best candy I ever tasted!

I really think you're going to love it.

Let me know. I'm all ears.

Most sincerely,

The Easter Bunny

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In the news

Rep. candidate denies alleged restaurant tirade

A day after topping a five-man field to win the special Democratic primary for state representative, an Everett city councilor allegedly berated staff at a Texas Roadhouse restaurant and threatened to sic the Board of Health on the eatery over complaints about his seating arrangements.

City Councilor Wayne Matewsky, who is facing two unenrolled candidates in the April 2 general election, dismissed the allegation as a "smear campaign tactic" to deny him the seat.

"They can't get over the fact I won the primary," Matewsky said before apologizing to Roadhouse staff "for any misunderstanding."

The incident allegedly involved a tirade against the staff and people who were eating with a young person with apparent developmental disabilities. **SHNS**

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Milk smashing YouTube prank hits local grocers

Milk smashing — the latest YouTube craze — is causing a mess in some Bay State stores.

The prank involves young people walking down a grocery store aisle while holding gallons of milk. They then pretend to trip, hurling the gallons of milk into the air as they perform their phony fall and let the containers hit the ground and explode in front of an unsuspecting shopper. The whole thing plays out while another person captures it on video to be uploaded online.

It's happened at "more than a handful" of Shaw's stores in Massachusetts, according to a Shaw's spokesman.

"These are potentially dangerous incidents that present safety concerns to our customers and to the folks doing this as well," said Steve Sylven, a Shaw's spokesman. "Customer safety is a top priority for us, and we've got zero tolerance for these types of pranks."

Sylven added that the stores are working with police and will seek to prosecute those involved.

He said that the stores' loss prevention workers have been alerted to keep an eye out for the situations. Messages left for Brockton police were not returned.

According to The Enterprise, the prank has been pulled at Taunton stores as well. Both Brockton and Taunton police are investigating at least four incidents in recent weeks.

"They think that it's a harmless prank, but it can evolve into something more serious," Taunton police Lt. Paul Roderick told The Enterprise.

The craze has recently gone international, with new videos surfacing from the U.K.

YOUTUBE

▶ Got milk?

Quoted

"It goes without saying that these are potentially dangerous incidents that present safety concerns to our customers and to the folks doing this as well."

STEVE SYLVEN

962K

One of the most popular milk smashing videos on YouTube came from the United Kingdom and had more than 962,600 views as of yesterday evening.

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In the news

Berklee to host YouTube Hack Day video project

As if final exams weren't enough pressure, students from the Berklee College of Music will compete in an event later this month that has them shoot, edit and post YouTube videos in just 21 hours for critique before a panel of experts.

The first Berklee-YouTube Hack Day will take place March 30 and 31, the school announced yesterday.

The two-day event will end with the showing of selected videos that will be played and reviewed by experts including Nils Gums, the alumnus and president of the Complex Group, whose artists include Karmin (also Berklee alums). Also taking part are Ryan Nugent, a lead strategist at YouTube Next Lab and alumnus AJ Rafael, a recording artist with millions of YouTube views.

"At this event, Berklee and YouTube will partner to help Berklee students produce compelling, innovative content — overnight," the school said.

After a day of panels, the students who registered to take part in the event will have 21 hours to create and make their video. The videos will then be uploaded to a YouTube channel and promoted by Berklee and Rafael. The school cited Rafael, Karmin and even Psy as former Berklee students who used YouTube to generate billions of views for their work.

"Berklee alumni are at the leading edge of leveraging the YouTube platform to break their careers," the school said.

MICHAEL NAUGHTON

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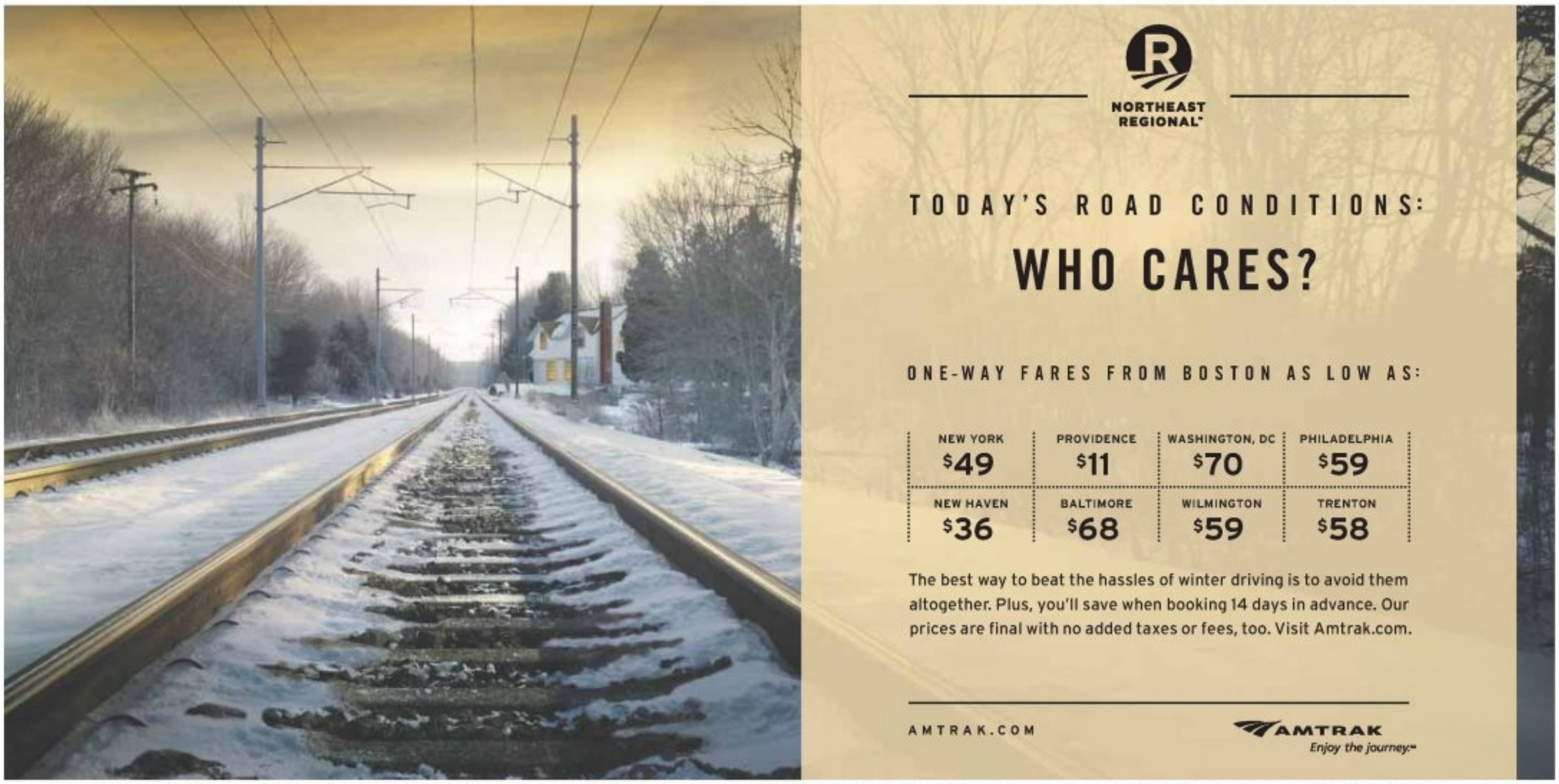
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In the news

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▶ 60mm mortar launcher

Nevada military depot blast kills seven Marines

An explosion at a U.S. Army munitions depot in the western Nevada desert killed seven Marines from Camp Lejeune, N.C., and injured seven more during a training exercise, U.S. military officials said yesterday.

Army and Marine officials said the cause of the Monday night blast was under investigation, but a military official who spoke on condition of anonymity said initial reports from the scene indicated that a 60mm mortar round exploded prematurely in the tube of a mortar launcher.

The official said three Marines were killed instantly. **REUTERS**

Sen. Rand Paul embraces comprehensive immigration reform

Sen. Rand Paul, a leading conservative Republican, yesterday put his weight behind comprehensive immigration reform efforts that likely will include a pathway to citizenship for undocumented foreigners.

Paul, a Republican freshman senator who has hinted at a possible 2016 run for president, delivered a speech to the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in which he ridiculed the notion of deporting the 11 million undocumented people, many of whom have lived for decades in the United States and are raising families here. **REUTERS**

Bombs kill nearly 60 on Iraq invasion anniversary

More than a dozen car bombs and suicide blasts tore through Shi'ite Muslim districts in the Iraqi capital Baghdad and other areas yesterday, killing nearly 60 people on the 10th anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion that ousted Saddam Hussein.

Sunni Islamist insurgents linked to al Qaeda are regaining ground in Iraq, invigorated by the war next door in Syria and have stepped up attacks on Shi'ite targets in an attempt to provoke a wider sectarian confrontation.

One car bomb exploded in a busy Baghdad market, three detonated in the Shi'ite district of Sadr City and another near the entrance of the heavily fortified Green Zone that sent a plume of dark smoke into the air alongside the River Tigris.

A suicide bomber in a truck attacked a police base in a Shi'ite town south of the capital, and another blew himself up inside a restaurant to target a police major in the northern city of Mosul.

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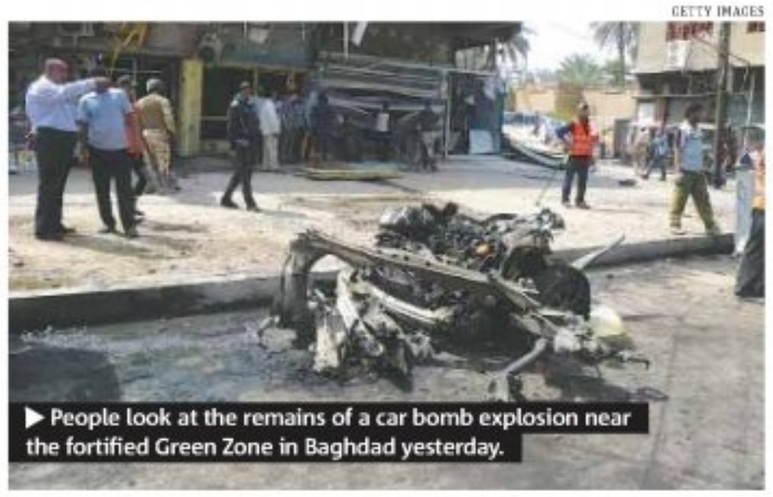

▶ People look at the remains of a car bomb explosion near the fortified Green Zone in Baghdad yesterday.

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Years since the U.S.-led invasion that ousted Saddam Hussein began

The Iraq war began shortly before dawn in Baghdad on Thursday, March 20, 2003, with U.S. air strikes on the capital.

Shortly afterward, President George W. Bush, addressing Americans on television late on March 19 U.S. time, said the offensive was under way.

Now a decade after U.S. and Western troops swept Saddam from power, Iraq still struggles with insurgents, sectarian friction and political feuds among Shi'ite, Sunni and Kurdish factions who share power in the government of Shi'ite Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki.

In a sign of concern over security, the cabinet yesterday postponed local elections in two provinces, Anbar and Nineveh, for up to six months because of threats to electoral workers and violence there, according to Maliki's media adviser Ali al-Moussawi.

The polls will go ahead elsewhere on April 20.

No group claimed responsibility for yesterday's attacks, but Islamic State of Iraq, a wing of al Qaeda, has vowed to take back ground lost in its war with U.S. troops. **REUTERS**

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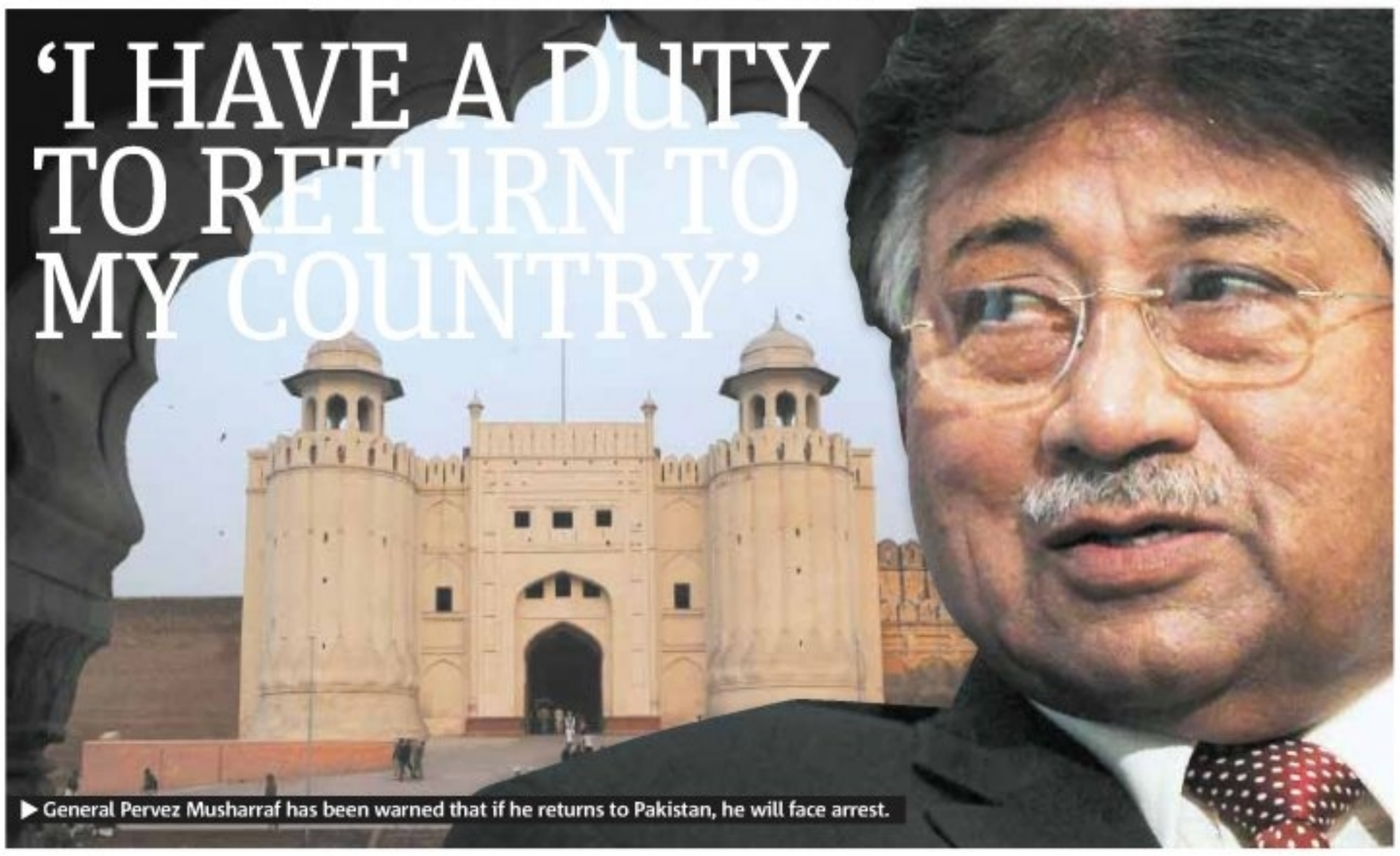
General Pervez Musharraf, a staunch American ally after 9/11, spent more than four years in voluntary exile from his Pakistan homeland ● But now he plans to return to fight new elections ● A Metro exclusive

Exclusive interview

GEN. PERVEZ MUSHARRAF:

'I HAVE A DUTY TO RETURN TO MY COUNTRY'



▶ General Pervez Musharraf has been warned that if he returns to Pakistan, he will face arrest.

General Pervez Musharraf was the president of Pakistan, a leading American ally in the war on terror, from 2001-2008. He then voluntarily resigned before what many observers saw as politically motivated impeachment proceedings could be started against him, and went into self-imposed exile. But he has now declared his intention to return to Pakistan on March 24 to contest forthcoming presidential elections.

He was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 for his support on the war on terror and spoke strongly against Islamic terrorism in the wake of the 9/11 attacks on the United States.

He has been warned that if he returns to Pakistan he faces arrest warrants for allegedly failing to provide adequate security which led to the assassination of former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

But the General has told supporters of his All Pakistan Muslim League political party that he would improve Pakistan's economy and strengthen foreign investment in the country.

Here, in this exclusive interview, he speaks to Metro as he finalizes preparations to return to his homeland.

What is ailing Pakistan at this time?

Terrorism, especially sectarian terrorism. Law and order has failed especially in places like Balochistan and Karachi. The economy has broken down and there is not enough economic stability and jobs. That is the backbone of a stable country and it has broken down. Also, tensions with India remain.

What do you want to accomplish by your return, and why go now?

Pakistan is a very large country and an important regional player. When I was president I wanted to achieve for Pakistan internal security and stability, regional peace, international acceptability and an improvement and amelioration within the Muslim world.

Internal stability would allow us to examine the welfare and well-being of the population. Why go back now? The elections are to be held in the next few months according the constitution and it is now or never for me. If I am not there to stand for election it will be another five years until I have a chance do so.

What are your chances of success?

If you listen to the commentators they will tell you that my party does not have the internal structure to fight an election. It is simply not true. We are established with organizations across the country and some major political players are just waiting for my return to offer their support. There are a number of people and organizations that I call floaters in Pakistan, and my return will bring hope to them and the chance to work together. Only I can do this. Many people are clamoring for me to return. I would say I have a 50/50 chance of success.

Why are you taking this risk, which must also be physical?

After 9/11 I was resigned to personal risk on a daily basis. It was something that became part of my routine. Because I am ex-president of Pakistan, the authorities must provide me with some security when I return — but of course I also have my own arrangements. I have faith that life and death is out of my hands and I have a duty to return to my country to deal with its problems.

There are legal charges against you in Pakistan, a residue of your presidency. How will you deal with this obstacle?

I will simply appeal to the judicial process. One has to have faith in the courts even though there is a history of judicial activism. I am 100 percent confident that these false, trumped-up and politically motivated charges against me will be thrown out.

With significant U.S. troop withdrawals scheduled, how do you see the strategic situation in Afghanistan playing out over the next, say, three years?

If the U.S. and coalition forces leave lock stock and barrel then after 2014 I can see one of several things happening: a return to how Afghanistan was from 1986-1997, which was vicious tribal warfare — the various ethnic groups fighting each other — or the return of the Pushtun Taliban versus the Northern Alliance of minorities in Afghanistan.

If, however, the U.S. leaves some forces, with air and special forces support which is made available to the Afghan National Army, I can foresee a situation remaining as it is now — not a win and not a loss with the Taliban held at bay.

Otherwise I can see a proxy war being fought in Afghanistan between India and Pakistan. India is active in Afghanistan trying to create an active anti-Pakistan country. Pakistan is logically doing all it can to stop this.

With both U.S. and Israeli military strikes possible, Iran and its nuclear program have been frequently in the news. Pakistan shares a border with Iran. Why should Pakistan be allowed to keep the nuclear weapons it possesses, when Iran, its neighbor, should not?

You cannot compare the two. Pakistan developed nonconventional weapons as a deterrent, as purely a defensive measure. Pakistan faces an existential threat: India. We have fought three wars with India since independence in 1947.

We are the two giants in the region, and it is important that war between us should become unthinkable — which is why we justify our nuclear capability.

Iran has no such similar reason for having nuclear weapons. There is no similar existential threat to Iran as there is to Pakistan, so they cannot want a nuclear program for defensive reasons. ● METRO/TONY METCALF

"When I was president, I wanted to achieve for Pakistan internal security and stability, regional peace, international acceptability and an improvement and amelioration within the Muslim world."
GEN. PERVEZ MUSHARRAF

Q&A

What are the causes of the deterioration in relations between Pakistan and the United States? What could you do to improve them?

I had good relations with George W. Bush to the extent that I could call him up at any time to discuss problems or make suggestions. I believe that trust has been lost somewhat. Pakistan and the U.S. need to restore that level of honesty and trust as Pakistan is such an influence in the region. There needs to be open dialogue, and we need to be honest and transparent with each other once again.

Q&A

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▶ Musharraf supporters in Pakistan, 2012

Previously, you were Pakistan's chief executive. What would you do differently?

The question presumes that there are many things I would do differently. Not necessarily. When I was president, the internal security situation was far more stable than it is now. The economy was growing and there was jobs for the people. Prices were stable and we had consistent gas and electricity supplies and prices. We were able to focus on the welfare of the people, internally. So far as our relationships with India are concerned, I would seek to restart the process of rapprochement I had begun when I was president. We could have signed treaties on two of the major issues that divided us and were working towards a solution in Kashmir, but these opportunities arise, but do not always stay. If they are missed they can be gone. I would try again with India. We are the two biggest countries in the region. We could deliver a huge boost to regional security, stability and economy if we could settle our differences and that is what I would try to do.

In the news

High-wire stuntman plans to cross Grand Canyon without a tether

Aerialist Nik Wallenda plans to cross the Grand Canyon in June on a tightrope 1,500 feet in the air, without a safety harness — a feat that will be televised live. Wallenda said he would traverse a remote section of crimson-hued canyon owned by the Navajo Nation in what will be his first major stunt since he last year became the only person to walk a wire over the brink of Niagara Falls. Wallenda, a seventh-generation member of the "Flying Wallendas" acrobat family, said the tightrope walk is higher than he has ever attempted. REUTERS

1.5K

Both the height and length, in feet, of Wallenda's proposed Grand Canyon feat

TIM BOYLES/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Wallenda at 200 feet

Report: Microsoft probed over bribes

Microsoft Corp. said yesterday it takes seriously any allegations of misconduct, after a report that the Department of Justice is investigating potential bribery by Microsoft employees in China, Romania and Italy. The Wall Street Journal reported earlier yesterday that Microsoft was the subject of probes by both the Justice Department and SEC over tips from a former Microsoft employee that the company handed kickbacks to foreign government officials in return for software contracts. REUTERS

Pope sets humble tone emphasizing the weak

Pope Francis set the tone for a new, humbler papacy at his inaugural Mass yesterday where he called for the Church to defend the weak and protect the environment.

Addressing up to 200,000 people including many foreign leaders gathered in St. Peter's Square, the Argentine pope underlined his central message since he was elected by a secret conclave of cardinals last Wednesday — that the Church's mission was to defend the poor and disadvantaged.

The Mass, formally installing Francis as pope, was much simpler and an hour shorter than the baroque splendor of his predecessor Benedict's inauguration in 2005.

Although he is as conservative doctrinally as Benedict, Francis's simpler style and emphasis on the poor marked a sea change from his predecessor that has been widely welcomed by Catholics. REUTERS

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▶ After days of rain, the sun shone down on St. Peter's Square for Pope Francis' Inaugural Mass yesterday.

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"[The Church's mission] means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly [and] those in need, who are often the last we think about."

POPE FRANCIS

News in brief

Judge OKs Twinkies, Ding Dongs sale

Twinkies, Ding Dongs and Wonder Bread may soon be back in stores after a bankruptcy court judge on Tuesday approved sales of several iconic brands that had been owned by the failed Hostess Brands Inc.

Buyout firms Apollo Global Management and Metropoulos & Co. teamed up for Hostess' snack cake brands, paying $410 million for Twinkies, Ho Hos, Ding Dongs and Donnettes.

Flowers Food Inc., which makes Tastykakes snacks, picked up most of Hostess's bread business, including its Wonder and Nature's Pride brands for $360 million. REUTERS

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Who is the father of the King of Pop's kids?

For years, I've gazed upon the children of **Michael Jackson** and wondered: "Are they really his kids?" What trips me up is that they kind of look like him, but only after he underwent his radical plastic surgery. But we can't forget that if Jackson were still alive and "unadulterated," he would resemble **Tito** instead of **La Toya**. I guess what I'm trying to clumsily say is that even with a white mother, **Blanket**, **Paris** and **Prince** should look more like a young Michael and a lot less like the crypt-keeper he became. Also, holy cats: What a crazy family.

Anyway, it's looking more and more like MJ is not the father of his children (I knew it! Kind of!). According to TMZ, in their nasty wrongful death lawsuit against AEG Live, his family members are asking to exclude any evidence of the true paternity of Jackson's children. (**Katharine Jackson** and Blanket, Paris and Prince are suing the entertainment giant for $40 billion for the negligent hiring and supervision of **Dr. Conrad Murray** during preparation for Jackson's "This Is It" tour.)

Michael Jackson

I'm unsure why the paternity would be entered into evidence — I'm far from a legal scholar — but the fact that the Jackson family is trying to block this is telling. Also, if the Jacksons do prevail against AEG, I hope they use some of those billions for therapy for those poor kids. Because even the best therapist in the land (**Dr. Phil**, naturally) cannot go there.

MARK SULLIVAN/WIREIMAGE

From left: Blanket, Paris and Prince Jackson.

The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Ricky Martin wants you to just do it, Michelle Trachtenberg has some big plans, Mark Duplass feels bittersweet about the march of technology and Justin Bieber is in a much better mood this week.

@ricky_martin
sometimes you just have to stop thinking so much and simply go with your heart. PERIOD. Have an awesome day every1!

@RealMichelleT
I'm off to slay some dragons

@MarkDuplass
I kinda miss walking around the video store in a state of utter confusion.

@justinbieber
good night Paris. je t'aime

Michelle Trachtenberg

Talking points

Swift is fessing up about Styles

Taylor Swift is finally fessing up about One Direction member **Harry Styles** being the inspiration for her hit, "I Knew You Were Trouble," noting that his presence at the recent Brit Awards made performing the song easier. "It's not hard to access that emotion when

Swift

the person the song is directed at is standing by the side of the stage watching," she tells Britain's Times Magazine. As for her choice of aping Styles' style by wearing a green knit cap in her new "22" video? "I just like to wear a hat sometimes," she teases. "I mean, sometimes I do things symbolically, as a dig. Other times, I'm just wearing a hat."

Gomez jokes about Bieber to Letterman

Selena Gomez is apparently over her relationship with **Justin Bieber** enough to joke about it, as she did during a chat with **David Letterman** this week. "No, I'm single. I'm so good," she told Letterman when he asked about Bieber. But Letterman wasn't done: "Now, the last time [Bieber] was on, he and I got into a conversation and he said something, and then I said something, and he said something, then I said something and I made him cry," the talk show host recounted, to which Gomez teased, "Well then, that makes two of us."

Who is Cooper's new girlfriend?

Bradley Cooper was spotted in Boston this week spending quality time with his rumored new girlfriend, 20-year-old model **Suki Waterhouse**, according to E! News. The pair braved the cold to take in some tourist attractions but ended up an attraction themselves. "People were recognizing them so they walked quite quickly to avoid the crowds," a source says. "They were having a good time together, touching and teasing each other. They were laughing a lot and couldn't keep their hands off each other."

▶ The musings of the mysterious Tilda Swinton are imagined by the fake Twitter account @NotTildaSwinton, now available in book form.

No profits, just laughs

Comedian Eli Yudin's book version of @NotTildaSwinton is a labor of online love The collection represents a new trend in self-publishing

Launched to viral acclaim last May, Twitter parody account @NotTildaSwinton has been reincarnated into a book. Self-published by comedian Eli Yudin and co-writer Carey O'Donnell, the complete collection of 187 bizarre imagined musings of actress and noted eccentric Tilda Swinton is available online at no profit. In an industry veering toward bite-sized content, Twitter's 140 character limit could be the logical endpoint of increasingly serialized work.

After spending six hours laying out the book on InDesign, Yudin set up shop on Lulu Marketplace. At $11.06, the book was priced to break even. "We didn't want to seem like we were selling out," Yudin said.

"Not Tilda Swinton" is one of thousands of self-published books for sale on Lulu Marketplace, which allows any author to sell their work. Brian Matthews, an executive vice president at Lulu's, argues that self-publishing has democratized publishing. "If an author wants to publish a book, we'll help them publish it as long as we don't have concerns related to the material," Matthews said.

In recent years, readers have leaned toward buying shorter spurts of content. "Instead of monolithic books, we're seeing authors release content more frequently in smaller, consumable amounts," Matthews said. And nothing is smaller and more consumable than an artfully composed tweet — with Yudin at the helm.

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Where is the quality control?

Readers can rely on Lulu's algorithms and reviews to help them pick their next read. Even so, it can be hard to determine quality. "The real issue is that in traditional publishing, you have an agent, editor and sales rep acting as a filter," said Cathy Langer, long-time buyer at Denver's independent bookstore, Tattered Cover. "Self-publishing eliminates these filters. It can be hard to tell what's going to be good."

Musings

@NotTildaSwinton excerpts:

- A mission for you. Go outside, hold an animal to your breast. That is real warmth, not the glow of your screen. I typed this on a rabbit.
- DO NOT EAT MEAT! Do not eat vegetables, either. Do not eat anything. Suck on a rock for millennia and think of what you've done.
- Of course I have received splinters. I do not remove them. Small branches emerge from me and bear fruit in the shape of my face.
- What a curse! No animal has limbs of length to embrace the proud elephant. An unhuggable behemoth plods forth.

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▶ Sascha K., Andy Selway, Steve White, Jules Hodgson and Lucia Cifarelli makes up KMFDM.

'Art is a choice'

"Kunst" in its simplest translation is German for art. "Art is a melting pot of all kinds of things that either happens in a person or doesn't," says Sascha K. "My daughter is five years old and does large canvas paintings. Is it art or is it play? I hang them on my wall and people say, 'Who did that? No way!' Art is in the eye of the beholder, of course. But art is a choice."

KMFDM'S POWER FEMINISM

Industrial anarcho rock originators KMFDM's new album, "Kunst," is a fist-pumping blend of industrial, techno and thrash speared with agitprop themes. Business as usual, then. Given KMFDM's formation in Paris in 1984, an appropriate genesis for their Orwellian vision, you'd think that founding member Sascha K's childhood was turbulent and influenced by gritty urban life. But the Hamburg native says that was not the case.

"I had a very peaceful and enlightened childhood," he says. "My grandma was a big inspiration. She was a poet and a painter and an astrologist. And she was a really good cook."

It's women who particularly inspire "Kunst." It includes a song titled "Pussy Riot," a clear shout-out to the jailed Russian all-girl punk band, and its cover bears a chainsaw-wielding woman, inspired perhaps by another girl group Sascha admires.

"Pussy Riot was one rousing momentum-creating event, but also the action of that feminist group from Kiev, Femen. When they took the chainsaw to the cross, I told my friend 'Go to YouTube, this is the image you have been waiting for your entire life.' They're one of the coolest activist groups in the whole world."

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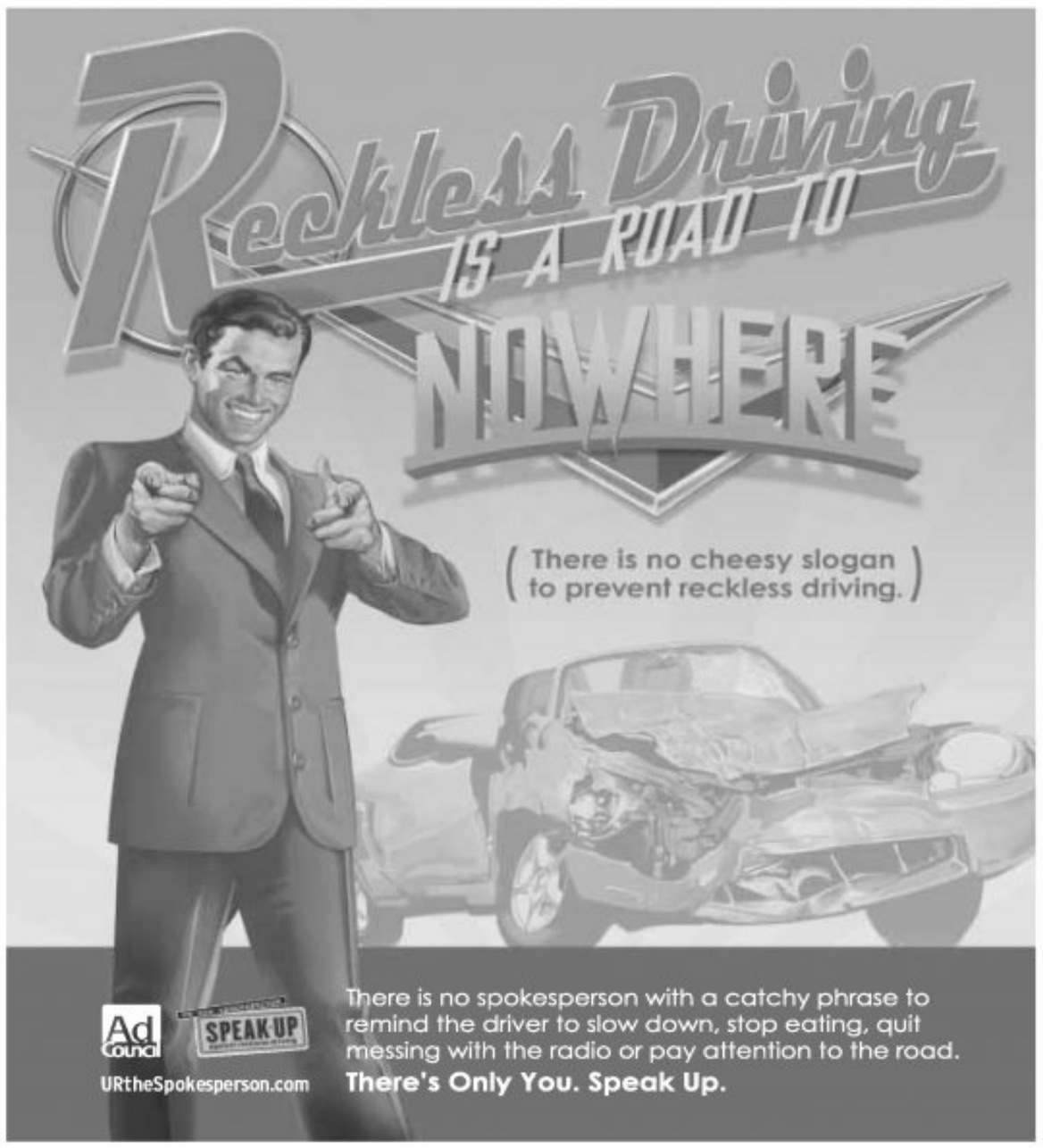
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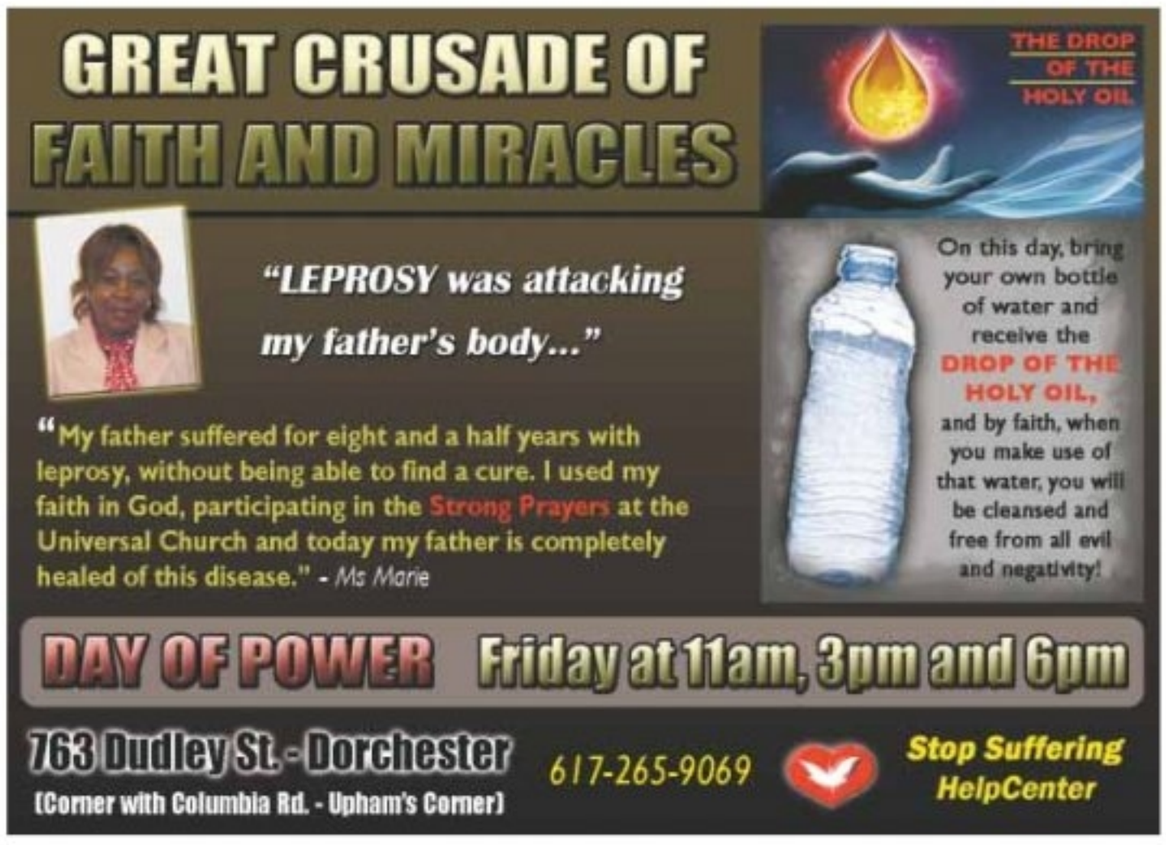
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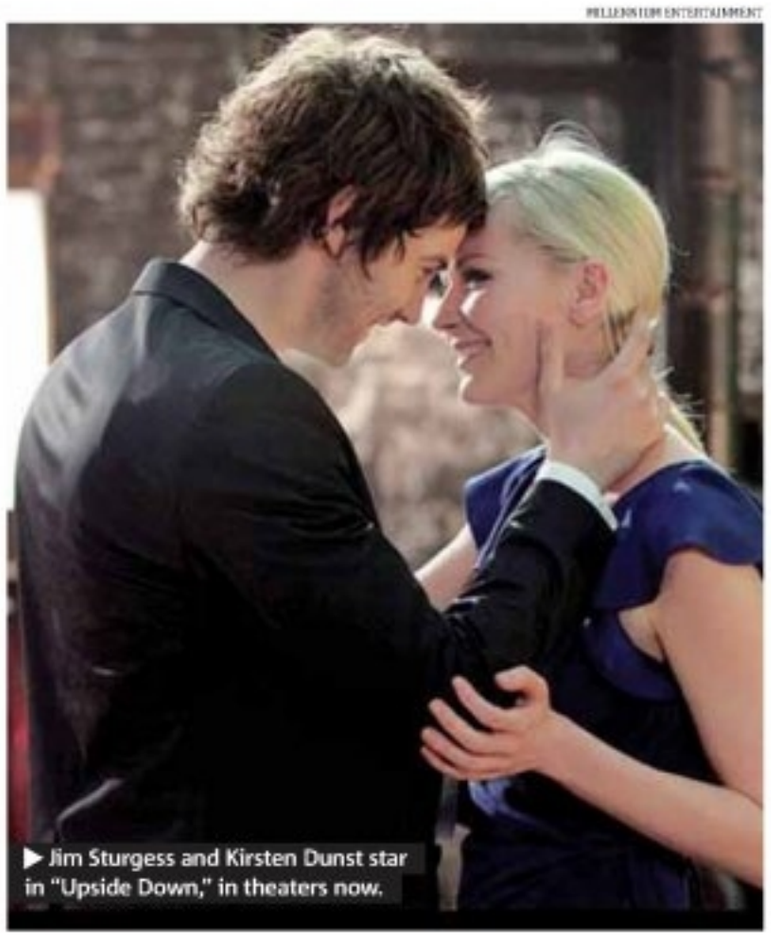
'Upside Down' stars get topsy-turvy with us


▶ Jim Sturgess and Kirsten Dunst star in "Upside Down," in theaters now.

- Kirsten Dunst and Jim Sturgess give us their take on the new film
- Despite unusual premise, Sturgess insists 'it is a very classic love story'

Kirsten Dunst and Jim Sturgess star as lovers literally from different worlds in Juan Solanas' mind-bending "Upside Down," in which two neighboring planets share an atmosphere but have opposing gravities. The premise makes for some dramatic class distinctions as well as impressive visuals and stunts. And admittedly, it took some time for the actors to wrap their heads around it.

We have to say, this is probably one of the most interesting high-concept concepts we've seen for a love story. When people ask you about it, how do you explain it to them?
Sturgess: Yeah, just that, that it is a very classic love story in itself, at the heart of it. That it is just about forbidden love, which is a story that we're all familiar with, but just set in a completely unique kind of amazing, fantastical world.

And when they ask about things like the different gravities?
Dunst: Well, I mean, you have to suspend some belief and have a childlike mind almost while watching it, in a way, I think. I think if you start to become cynical about, "Well that wouldn't happen in science," well, guess what? We're making a fantasy film, you know what I mean?

There's also such an impressive sense of style in the movie, in the design and in your costumes. Is there anything either of you took away from it for your own personal style?
Dunst: I actually kept some of my clothes. But Juan's wife, Paula [Moore], she did all my wardrobe for the movie. So it was just, like, French-y … like a hippie vibe, but very expensive cashmere draped around me all the time.
Sturgess: They made me the sort of jacket that I wore. They tailored that, so I stole that for sure. And I stole my ground zero gray lab coat with my name tag, so I still have that in my wardrobe — which I don't wear that often, but it's there.
Dunst: Just when he flashes [people] around London. [Laughs]
Sturgess: Which I do on a fairly regular basis. [Laughs]

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Q&A

Did it take any time to wrap your own heads around the film as you were getting ready to shoot it?

Sturgess: It did in the beginning. I mean, just from reading the script it did. It was hard when it was all just words on a page — you had no visual reference, so you had to conjure up your own ideas of what the worlds look like. And then Juan was amazing in that he sent us some graphic designs of how the worlds worked. It really wasn't until that point when I saw it visually and saw it through Juan's eyes that I understood what the film was and what he was trying to make. Because, yeah, you have to build those worlds up in your mind just from words on a page, so it's a totally different experience to when you watch the film, where it's all just sort of given to you.

Local screenings

Cinephiles, take note

The Harvard Film Archive has announced its upcoming spring programs. This season's offerings include films by the Art Theatre Guild of 1960s Japan, Nicholas Pereda, Lee Chang-ho, Jan Lenica, Arturo Ripstein, Raoul Walsh and Susana de Sousa Dias. For more info, go to http://hcl.harvard.edu/hfa.

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▶ A scene from "LEGO City Undercover."

Nowadays, most games are cross-platform, meaning that if something comes out on the Xbox 360 chances are it will also show up on the PS3. Every now and then, however, the console makers see a release that is absolutely exclusive to their platform. Let's review a couple of these beautiful unicorns, shall we?

'LEGO City Undercover'

Console: Wii U
Maker: TT Games
Grade: ●●●●◐

For every beloved entertainment franchise, chances are there is LEGO video game to go with it. "Batman?" Check. "Lord of the Rings?" Check. "Star Wars?" Of course. Now, everyone's favorite childhood choking hazard has finally gotten its own game. "LEGO City Undercover" is a genuinely funny spoof of cop movies that happens to be set in a fully explorable open world.

The game is essentially a kid-friendly "Grand Theft Auto" with LEGO bricks. What it lacks in mayhem and gun violence it makes up for with hundreds of unlockable characters, a variety of vehicles and an absolutely gigantic city to romp around in. The only downside? The load times can be inexplicably long. Like, make a hamburger and build a piece of IKEA furniture long.

▶ A Cerberus-like beast in "God of War: Ascension."

SONY

'God of War: Ascension'

Console: PS3
Maker: Sony
Grade: ●●●●◐

When "God of War III" finished the trilogy back in 2010, fans wondered what would be next for the brutal and purple-faced Kratos. Now we have our answer. "God of War: Ascension" is a prequel, telling the story of how a man became a, well, god of war.

Fans of this unique take on ancient Greece will find much to like here. It's the same button mashing, hyper-violent combat that has come to define the series. Actually, aside from some weapon upgrades, there isn't much new on the gameplay front. The graphics, however, are stunning and squeeze so much juice out of the now aged PS3 that you'd swear you are looking at a PS4.

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The cleanest face in Hollywood

Actress Drew Barrymore washes her face at least three times a day to stave off breakouts We take a peek inside of her makeup bag

Drew Barrymore's new makeup line, FLOWER, is made up of BB creams, eyeshadows, mascaras, bronzers and lipsticks with trippy, hippie names like "Camelia Charm" and "Awesome Blossom." "I've been in a makeup chair my whole life playing with every product, from prestige to budget. But I think every woman should be able to afford a more inexpensive experience," she says. And with 181 products to choose from, all priced between $5 and $14, you can take your pick. She shares her beauty wisdom with us.

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▶ Drew Barrymore's new makeup launch, FLOWER, is available exclusively at Wal-Mart (www.walmart.com/flower).

Barrymore's daily beauty routine

"I wash my face three or four times a day. And I'm being conservative with the estimate! I like to keep my skin clean, because if I let it get dirty I can get breakouts. When you're in film or fashion, you have to wear makeup for up to 16 hours a day. So when I have time off in my real life, I wash obsessively."

Her sleepless nights with baby Olive

"I'm definitely going to search more rapidly for a dark-circle corrector. I caught a glimpse of myself in the mirror the other day, and I couldn't believe what I saw. It was just a fast glimpse so I went back and was like, 'No, yeah. I did see that!' I looked like I'd gotten punched. But in a weird way, it made me happy. At least these dark circles mean I'm a new mom as opposed to other reasons."

Her ongoing search for "the one"

"I'm still searching for 'the one' when it comes to the best skin-care product. I play around a lot. I would love to curate a skin line for people like me, who want the benefits of the intense stuff without the negatives of the strength, because my face doesn't react well to it."

Romina McGuinness
METRO WORLD NEWS

Inside her makeup bag

"My makeup bag changes from week to week," Barrymore says. "I like putting different combinations together." Right now, she's using the following:

1. FLOWER Color Play Creme Eyeshadow in Orchid-ing Around: "It's got this wonderful grayish, purple, smokey hue to it. I'm mad about it. All you need is one swipe and you're done." *$8, www.walmart.com*

2. Shu Uemura eyelash curlers and Tweezerman Slant Tweezers: "I definitely still rock the good old Shu Uemura curler *($20, www.shuuemura-usa.com)* and Tweezerman tweezers *($22, www.tweezerman.com)*."

3. FLOWER Extreme Measures Lengthening Mascara in Brown: "I'm in a brown mood. This mascara has a gorgeous mocha color to it. It looks rather light on the wand, but once you put it on it does everything you'd want a dark mascara to do!" *$7, www.walmart.com*

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Get caught up in the Red Storm's workout

"Basketball performance is more than lacing up the shoes and dunking a ball," says Patrick Dixon, the head strength and conditioning coach for men's and women's basketball at St. John's University. "There are countless hours spent in the off-season laying the foundation for what the body will encounter during a game and over the season."

Even though St. John's won't be a part of this year's March Madness tourney (they lost to Villanova in the second round of the Big East tournament on March 13), the team has impressed over the years with its winning ways. We had Dixon show us some of the moves he has his players do, all of which can be done on a basketball court or at the gym.

Quoted

"When I design a workout, I am constantly thinking about the stresses a player will encounter: How can I prepare a player for the demands of the season?" DIXON

Split Squat

This strengthens the quad and hip as well as adds a balance and stability component for the ankle.

How: Standing upright, take one leg and place it in an elevated position behind you. Then bend your front leg until your femur is parallel to the ground. Make sure that your front knee always stays over your shoelaces and that your hips are squared.
Tricks: If your knee goes in front of your toes, lengthen your stance or sit back more while staying upright.

Push-Up

This upper-body exercise doesn't require equipment and can be done anywhere.

How: Lying flat on your stomach with hands placed just outside your shoulders, push against the floor to lift your body. The trick here is to suck your belly button in so that your core stays engaged and your entire body moves like stiff board. Your elbows should bend and follow a 45-degree arc between your side and arm. If you move your arms close to your body, your triceps do more work. If you elevate your elbows more toward your shoulders, it works your deltoids more.
Trick: If push-ups are too difficult, try placing your hands on an elevated bench to put more weight on your feet.

Depth Jump

This prepares your knees and lower body to handle repeated jumps, and it increases knee stability.

How: Start in an elevated position 3 to 6 inches off the ground with your feet hip-width apart. Bunny-hop off the edge and as you drop, transition your feet to just outside your shoulders and absorb the impact with your quads. Allow your knees to bend so you end up in a squat position. The trick is to keep your chest upright and allow your legs and hips to do all the work.
Tricks: Think of your body as a shock absorber so that rather than fighting the landing, you welcome it. Keep your feet flat and work on your balance as well.

Single-Leg Dead Lift

This move strengthens the hamstrings and glutes as well as adds a balance and stability component.

How: Standing in place, lean forward and reach an arm down to your opposite toe while hinging from the hip and simultaneously raising the opposite leg. As you move, there should be a straight line between your shoulder and the heel that is moving.
Tricks: Squeeze your butt cheeks together. All of the movement should come from your hips.

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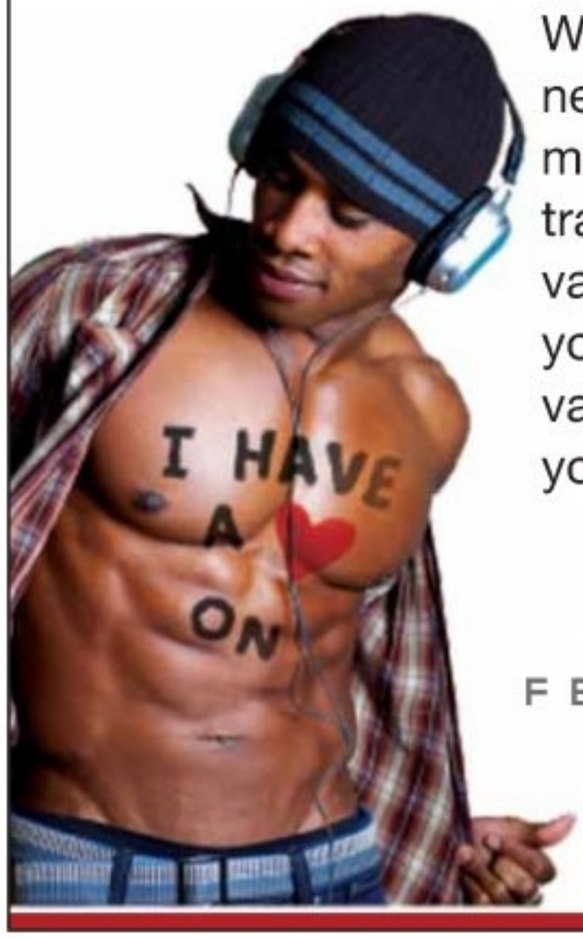

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Post-workout fueling

We asked celeb nutritionist and fitness trainer Diana Le Dean to help us navigate our food choices after a tough session.

What types of food and drink are ideal to consume post-workout and why?
After a workout, a small meal of protein and carbohydrates is ideal for restoring glycogen levels and building muscle: Try a piece of fruit and a whey-protein shake. It's also a good idea to stick with water, since most of us don't get enough during the day.

How long after a workout should you start eating?
Don't wait longer than an hour to eat once you work out. Your body needs to start digesting food as quickly as possible for maximum effect to take place.

What about if you're not hungry right after exercising?
Wait 15 minutes. You'll probably start to feel a little appetite. Try at least to get some whey-protein and water down. Your body needs them no matter what your brain is telling you.

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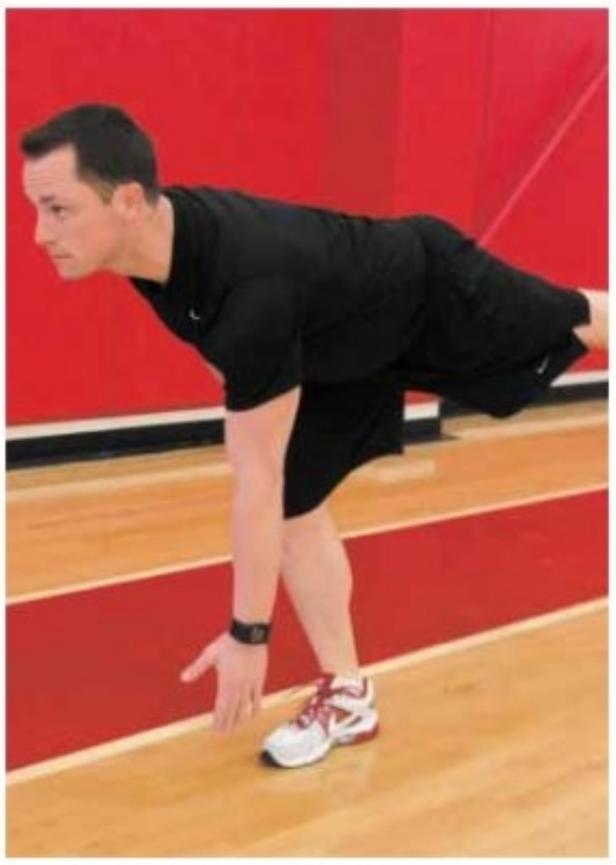

Our pick: TruMoo chocolate milk

TruMoo's reformulated chocolate milk provides a healthy dose of carbs and protein — both of which are good for replenishing muscles after a workout. It now has 35 percent less total sugar than the leading competitor; better yet, it boasts 40 percent less added sugar than its own previous recipe.

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Loud iPods create bitter, not sweet, symphony

In our Age of Entitlement, we seem to have forgotten that the rights of an individual should not outweigh the rights of the majority, particularly when the so-called right is detrimental to the well-being of others. And so let's insist that subways post on trains and buses that if passengers insist on playing loud music and video games on public transportation, the volumes of headsets (at least of those who use them) need to be turned down to a level where they don't disturb the peaceful ride of others sitting 20 feet away from them. A symphony of iPods blasting several different beats and melodies on one train car is ambient noise most of us wish not to be exposed to. I simply don't buy the argument that these rude riders have a right to impose their music on me.

PATRICIA LOVE, VIA E-MAIL

Lower the barricades there, Robespierre

Many letter-writers like to complain about "tax cuts for the rich" and "tax breaks for the rich." However, it is all fiction. The vast majority of the Bush tax cuts were for the middle class, and these were extended while the similar breaks for higher earners were not extended. Also, virtually all special tax breaks available under the code, such as breaks for children, tuition and retirement, are available only to the middle class.

Other deductions are phased out for high-earners. Let's get facts straight before attempts at class warfare.

WALTER BRANSON, VIA E-MAIL

GOP: President just can't take the money and run

RE: "SOMEONE'S POUTING, BUT IT'S NOT OBAMA" (METRO, MARCH 19) Your anti-GOP letter writers were misleading on several fronts concerning the sequester. Mr. Connell, the reduction in expenditures is well below 10 percent. In fact, it is only a cut in D.C.-speak (i.e., a cut from a planned increase). Actual spending is still higher than last year and much higher than 2008. The sequester was Obama's idea — and while government shutdown was possible at the time, default was only an Obama scare tactic. Mr. LaRosa, Medicare is headed for bankruptcy. Republicans want to make small adjustments now to prevent catastrophic ones later. A 100 percent tax rate on the rich wouldn't pay for the spendaholic-in-chief's proposals. Mr. Mikofsky, Obama does have discretion in deciding what to cut. To the extent that he doesn't, Republicans have offered to give it to him. But he doesn't want it. And he hasn't proposed to eliminate one government program. How about eliminating $27 million to teach people in Morocco how to design pottery? There'd be a lot more money available in the Secret Service budget if Obama would negotiate with the GOP instead of flying around the country complaining that they don't want yet another trillion-dollar tax increase.

JIM FLETCHER, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Be extremely careful with whom you have a serious discussion. There's no point in crossing swords with someone who you know has a bad temper.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you don't want to be disappointed, don't allow your expectations to exceed reality. It's OK to expect a lot from yourself, as long as what you hope to achieve is pragmatic.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** When working with others, your tolerance could be put to the test — so try to stay calm. You'll regret it if you break down and lose your cool.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Having an abundance of energy might cause you to take on far more than is feasible, but you should take things one step at a time. Do what you can, but let others pitch in as well.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** It wouldn't hurt to be more thick-skinned than usual, especially if you find yourself working with someone who tries your patience. Keep your wits about you.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Goals that are important to you might not hold the same weight with your co-workers. Having different priorities could cause problems for everyone.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Relationships should be pleasant, as long as you don't impose your will on your companions. Being too demanding could spoil things quickly.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Although you can be a good worker, you can also lose steam easily. Should your interest wane, regardless of how little there is left to do, you could walk off the job without hesitation.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** As long as both you and your mate are thinking "we" instead of "I," you'll remain in harmony with each other. When it comes to any relationship, concordance is essential.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** A heavier workload than usual might be dumped in your lap. However, as long as you tackle it with determination you'll end up feeling proud of your achievement.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Even though you'll have no trouble protecting your own interests, you're not likely to be as conscientious about the concerns of others. It won't help your image.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Timing is generally important in fulfilling your objectives, and today will be no different. If you're out of sync with others, it's likely to dilute your achievements.

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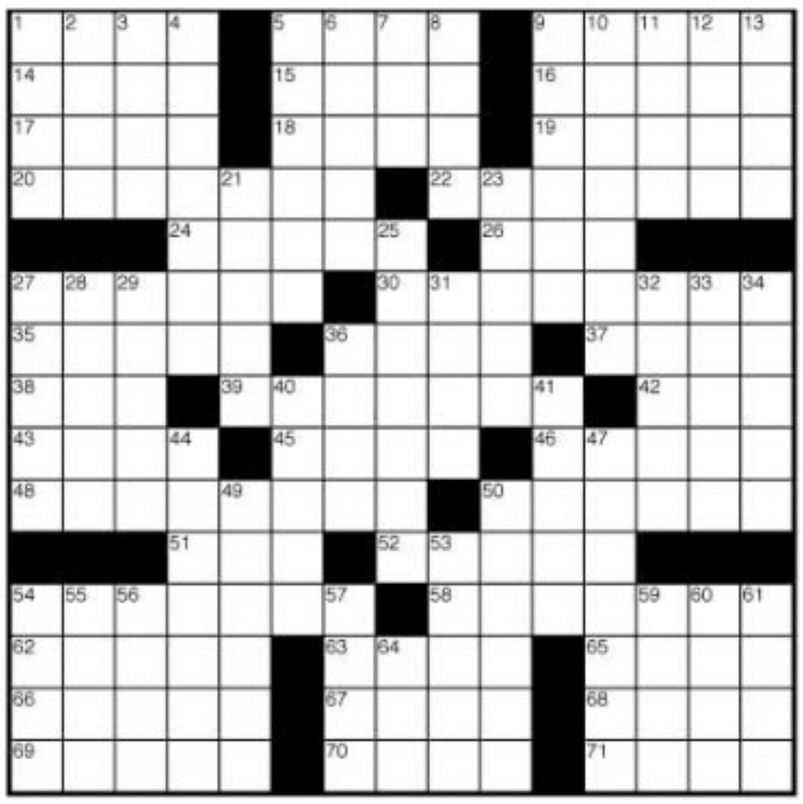

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Bradley Jr. could be youthful solution in Red Sox outfield

With Ortiz and Drew still on shelf, Bradley Jr. may earn big-league spot ◗ Young outfielder is raking in Florida

Going into spring training, the Red Sox had no thoughts about possibly having 22-year-old outfielder Jackie Bradley Jr. on their Opening Day roster. The 40th-overall pick in the 2011 draft hasn't played any games past the AA level and has only been a professional for one full season.

Things have changed in Florida in the past few weeks, however, as Bradley Jr. has been on a tear, and coupled with a few injuries there is now serious consideration to having him on the major-league roster come April 1. Bradley Jr. was hitting .436 (17-for-39) with two doubles, a home run and four RBIs in 18 games this spring as of Tuesday.

He also has a blistering on-base percentage of .551. Add in the injuries to David Ortiz and Stephen Drew, with their availability for Opening Day in question, and Bradley Jr. just may have a shot at making the big league club.

"Oh yeah," Ortiz said to reporters. "If he's hitting .500, yes. I heard he's a really good player. I haven't been able to really watch him because they keep me indoors doing a whole bunch of things [to rehab two injured heels]. I heard he has skills. Never know."

There are some long-term factors in regards to Bradley Jr., who was tabbed as Jacoby Ellsbury's replacement if he were to sign with another team following this season. Because Bradley Jr. is not on the 40-man roster right now, if the Red Sox wait until April 12 (or later) to call him up, then the earliest he will be able to hit free agency is after the 2019 season.

But if he is on the roster before April 12, he would hit free agency following the 2018 season.

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▶ Jackie Bradley Jr. is ahead of schedule.

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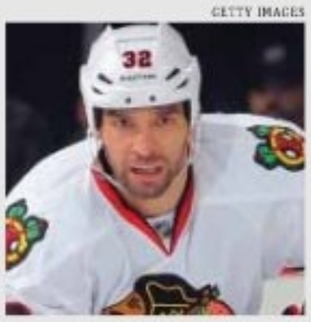

BLACKHAWKS (24-2-3)
There was the thought of dropping the 'Hawks, but they are still five points ahead of the Ducks.

DUCKS (21-3-4)
Anaheim hasn't lost in regulation in its last 11 games (8-0-3), and the Ducks have won their lats 12 games at the Honda Center. There is no question that they are the hottest team in the Western Conference.

PENGUINS (22-8-0)
Having won nine games in a row, the Penguins are the hottest team in the entire league. They bested the Bruins twice last week (highly impressive) and have scored an NHL-high 108 goals.

CANADIENS (19-5-4)
It's time to stop pretending that Montreal's great start this season was just a fluke. The Habs are legitimately one of the top teams in the East and the entire NHL. They've won five straight games and are 7-1-2 in their last 10.

BRUINS (19-5-3)
The B's came up short in both showdowns in Pittsburgh, but they seem to be getting better at putting inferior opponents away. They dodged a bullet, as top line center David Krejci's knee injury doesn't appear too serious.

KINGS (16-10-2)
Their slow start is pretty much forgotten, as the Kings have owned games at the Staples Center (11-2-1). Similar to their playoff run last season, they are getting goals from many different lines and players.

WILD (16-10-2)
Minnesota has jumped over Vancouver for the lead in the Northwest Division. The Wild have won three games in a row and they are 7-3-0 in their last 10.

SENATORS (15-8-6)
The Sens are still hanging around despite all of their major injuries. Having the best record at home (10-1-3) in the East has helped them stay afloat through the tough times. They are 4-2-4 in their last 10.

BLUES (16-10-2)
Called up from the minors, goaltender Jake Allen (8-1-0, 2.18 GAA, .920 save percentage) has been a revelation, while Chris Stewart (14 goals, 14 assists) was the NHL's No. 1 star last week.

'CANES (15-11-2)
It looks like the Hurricanes are in for a competitive race with the Jets in the Southeast Division, but Carolina has been doing enough lately to be ranked ahead of Winnipeg.

RED WINGS (14-10-5)
Coming off possibly its best win of the season, a 5-2 victory at Vancouver on Saturday, Detroit has the toughest week of anyone in the NHL. They host Minnesota tonight, then go to Anaheim for two.

CANUCKS (13-9-6)
Don't let this ranking fool you — the Canucks are struggling. They've lost their last two games, and they are 3-5-2 in their last 10. It's hard to figure out how a roster this loaded has a goal-differential of minus-2.

JETS (15-12-2)
The Jets have been one of the hotter teams in the East. They are a .500 team at home, but they have a chance to improve on that this week with four straight games at home.

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In the news

KG makes trip

Kevin Garnett flew with the Celtics yesterday as the team began a three-game road trip that begins tonight in New Orleans (8 p.m., CSN).

Garnett missed the last two games, including Monday night's thriller against the Heat, due to the flu and a thigh injury.

Reserves D.J. White and Shavlik Randolph both made the trip as well, and the two are expected to be signed to the team through the remainder of the season, according to ESPN. Both had been playing on 10-day contracts.

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Patriots

Belichick 'talks' Gronk escapades

Though Patriots owner Robert Kraft broke Patriots code and spoke openly about off-field matters this week, Pats coach Bill Belichick is sticking to the script.

Belichick, speaking in Phoenix, Ariz., at the annual NFL meetings, was guarded when asked about the status of tight end Rob Gronkowski, who reportedly had a third surgery on his left forearm, the most recent one because of an infection. Regarding Gronkowski's status for training camp:

"Well, that's a long way away," Belichick said, according to the Boston Globe. "A lot of players have a lot of things to do between now and then. Coaches, for that matter, in terms of just getting ready for the season. I'm sure, hopefully, everyone will be working hard at it. We'll just see how it comes out."

When pressed about Gronkowski's TMZ-riddled offseason, in which he was shown in one video giving a friend a DDT (wrestling move) at a Las Vegas club with a cast still on his arm, Belichick paused for a lengthy amount of time and finally replied, "Let's stick to football questions."

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▶ Bill Belichick

Kraft, meanwhile, has been quite vocal this week about Wes Welker signing in Denver. The Pats owner maintains that the franchise put in an honest effort to sign the free-agent receiver.

Patriots president Jonathan Kraft also spoke about Welker at a DECA conference in Boston, placing much of the blame on Welker's agents.

"Wes Welker has agents, and sometimes in life, if people come between you and another principal in a deal, you've got to try to find ways to bridge differences directly and not let people in the middle, who might not always have the same objectives that each of you do, mess things up," Kraft said, according to WEEI.com. MATT BURKE

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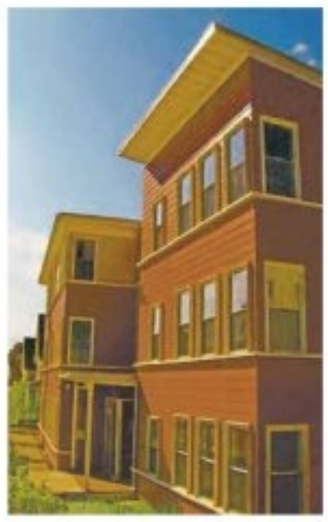

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Coops move from the country to the city

Designers Kevin McElroy and Matthew Wolpe show you how to raise chickens in your backyard — without your home looking like the sticks

From the rise of farmer's markets to the development of green housing, it seems as though everyone has jumped on the sustainable-living train. But what if you want to take it a step further and start raising your own chickens? The trend is gaining popularity nationwide and has created a marketplace for books such as "Reinventing the Chicken Coop." In the new tome, California-based designers Kevin McElroy and Matthew Wolpe show us that raising chickens is doable and beneficial — even in an urban setting.

"We like to joke that we're bringing the chicken coop from the backyard to the front yard," says McElroy.

The benefits

"The obvious benefits would be fresh eggs and chickens. But it's great for raising kids. You can give them some of the responsibility of taking care of a coop," says McElroy. "And from a building perspective, learning how to use tools can be very empowering."

The book includes 14 stylish coop designs and building plans ranging from the most straightforward (the "A-Frame" coop, a modern triangular-shaped coop) to the most intricate (the "Coopsicle," a tree house-inspired version).

"We wanted the coops to be equal parts furniture, sculpture [and] chicken coop," says McElroy. "It's got to be functional, but it can also be beautiful and interesting."

But fear not, beginners. The guide caters to all demographics, from expert carpenters to those who have never set foot in a hardware store.

"Building something with your own hands is something that our society has gotten away from a little bit," says McElroy. "With this book, we're hoping that people will pick up a new tool, learn it and use it."

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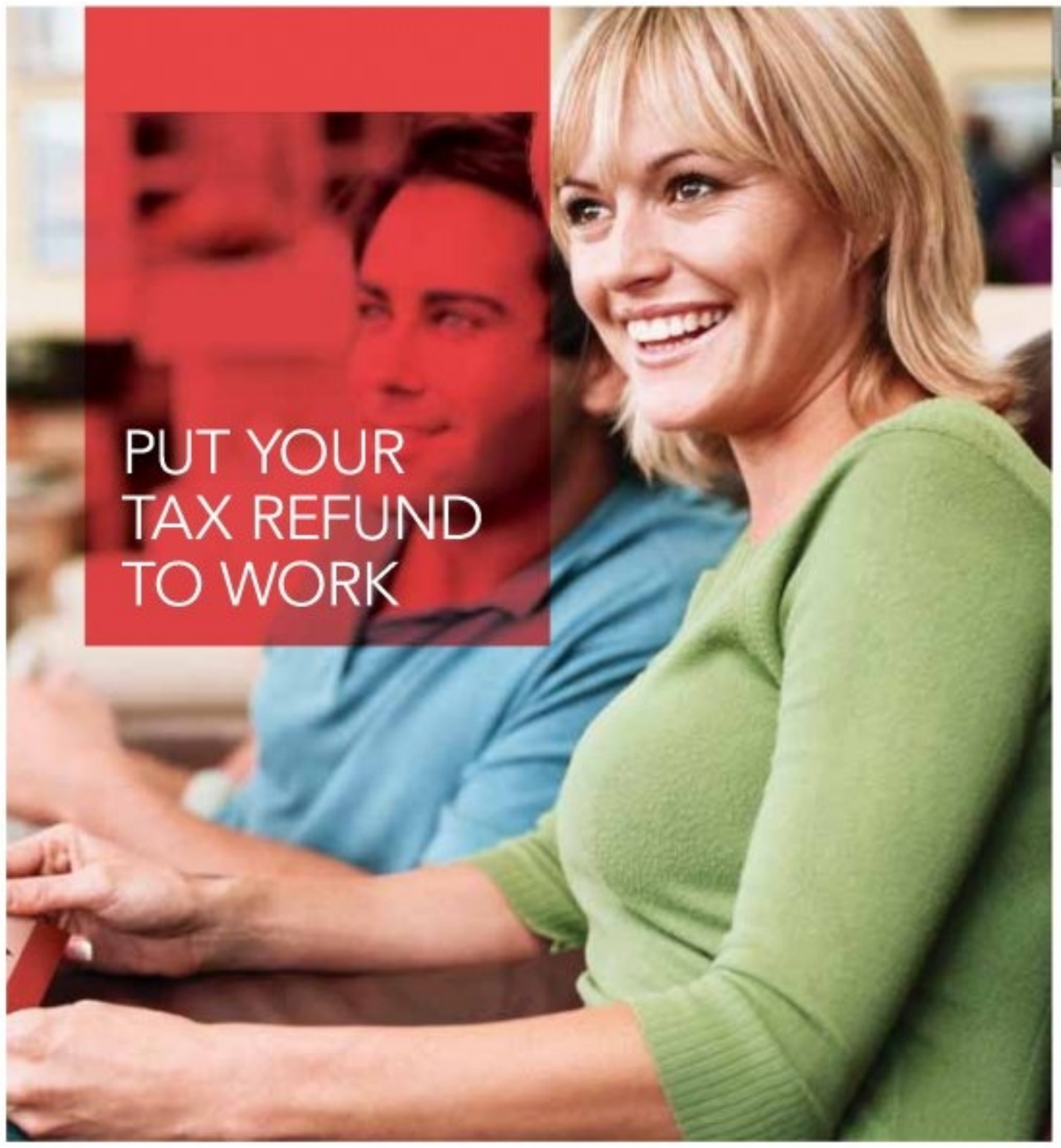
Basic elements

"The chickens have to have a safe place to sleep, a place to live in, a space from predators. It has to be easy to clean for the humans, but beyond that you can expand it and do whatever you want," says McElroy.

▶ To learn how to make the A-Frame coop, one of McElroy and Wolpe's simpler designs, visit www.metro.us.



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